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Serial No. 69,611,931	Filing Date February 24, 2000	Examiner Stephen M. Baker	Group Art Unit 2133
Inventor(s) Takayuki Sugawara et al.			
Title of Invention Disk Device with Improved Error Correction Capability			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Request for Continued Examination (in duplicate), Preliminary Amendment, check for \$750.00, and return postcard.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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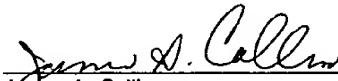
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I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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